had been proposed to be charged off to the depreciation account or otherwise used up. The general revenues would in no way be benefited thereby and this had caused considerable anxiety in the minds of the public. He hoped that at least in future years the Works would show substantial profits after making sufficient provision for depreciation.

The need for veterinary dispensaries and breeding bulls was being felt in several villages. The member expressed the grateful thanks of the raiyat population for the steady progress which the Government were securing in these directions. But if the demands from all the rural areas had to be adequately met, much more liberal grants to the Veterinary Department were very necessary.

Malaria was spreading fast in the Irwin Canal area in spite of the attempts made by the Public Health Department to combat it. This was partly due to the fact that the measures of relief afforded by the department were not reaching the affected people in all cases, because the villagers were unable to walk all the way to the dispensaries for securing quinine. The member therefore suggested that arrangements should be made for the free distribution of quinine in all the infected villages.

In conclusion, the member endorsed the hope expressed by one of the previous speakers that during the term of office of the new Registrar, the co-operative movement in the State would receive added fillip.

Mr. MAYI GOWDA represented that minor municipalities were in a very bad condition since a good part of their income was going away as contribution on account of the Government establishments. He requested that Government should relieve them from making the contribution so as to enable them to secure better progress. He also requested that the grant for minor municipalities should be enhanced from Rs. 1 lakh to Rs. 2 lakhs. He further suggested that the grant for minor municipalities should not as at present be clubbed along with the grant for town municipalities but shown separately. Otherwise he feared that the bulk of the grant might be used up by town municipalities and the minor municipalities might get little or nothing.

Mr. K. VENKATARAMIAH, referring to the grant for extension of medical aid, said that very few local fund dispensaries had been provided for in the budget. People everywhere were clamouring for more and more hospitals and the need for maternity hospitals particularly was being felt in all places. For meeting these demands on an adequate scale, he prayed that the grant should be substantially increased.

In regard to Education, he suggested that the additional grant of Rs. 42,000 might be increased to at least Rs. 50,000 so as to provide additional accommodation in the High Schools at Hassan and Hole-Narsipur for which there was keen demand.

For rural reconstruction, a sum of Rs. 1·15 lakhs had been provided in the new budget. But much of it would go to meet travelling allowances and establishment charges and out of the remainder each panchayet might get about Rs. 10 at the most Ten years earlier, the Dewan had acknowledged the need for every village to have a drinking water well, a school, a dispensary, a co-operative society, etc. Yet, thousands of villages still awaited the fulfilment of the hopes raised by the Dewan's declaration. He hoped that Government would do everything they could to improve the conditions in the villages, providing funds to the extent necessary for achieving this end.

The Assembly rose for the day at 5 p.m. to meet again at 12 of the clock the following day.

THIRD DAY.

Wednesday, 16th June 1937.

The House reassembled at the Jagan Mohan Palace Pavilion on Wednesday, 16th June 1937, at 12 of the clock, Mr. President (*Amin-ul-Mulk* Sir Mirza M. Ismail, K.C.I.E., O.B.E., Dewan) in the Chair.

Swearing in of Members.

The following members made the prescribed oath of allegiance to His Highness the Maharaja and then took their seats :—

Mr. R. Dasappa, Reddihalli, Devanhalli Taluk.

Mr. A. M. Channamare Gowda, Patel, Lakshmipura, Nelamangala Taluk.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—*contd.*

Ragimakalahalli Project.

Q.—19. **Mr. B. SRINIVASA RAO** (Bowringpet Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) how many times has the subject relating to Ragimakalahalli Project, Bowringpet Taluk, been discussed before this Assembly; and what is the assurance given by Government in the matter;

(*b*) what steps have been taken by Government in this respect?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Mr. R. W. Scaldwell).**—

(*a*) The subject has been discussed in the Assembly three times during the years 1906, 1928 and 1935. Government stated that the representation would receive sympathetic consideration.

(*b*) Alternative estimates for the work have been prepared and are undergoing scrutiny.

Mr. B. SRINIVASA RAO.—With reference to answer to (*b*), was not an estimate prepared in 1913-14 for about Rs. 75,000?

Mr. R. W. SCALDWELL.—Yes.

Mr. B. SRINIVASA RAO.—Was not the contract given to one Mr. K. Ramakrishniah?

Mr. R. W. SCALDWELL.—Notice.

Mr. B. SRINIVASA RAO.—What was the result of calling for tenders?

Mr. R. W. SCALDWELL.—The project had to be abandoned for technical reasons.

Mr. B. SRINIVASA RAO.—What happened to the promise given by the Government to the Assembly in 1928?

Mr. R. W. SCALDWELL.—Subsequently a masonry dam was considered necessary and so the estimate had to be revised. This costs about Rs. 4 lakhs, but the return on cost to Government works to only 1·6 per cent.

Mr. A. C. MUDDURACHAPPA.—Did not three Engineers express the opinion that the scheme was feasible?

Mr. R. W. SCALDWELL.—It might have been so. But now we find that the return is not adequate.

Mr. PRESIDENT.—The return expected is very meagre. Though the raiyats have agreed to an acreage contribution of Rs. 200, the Chief Engineer and the Revenue Commissioner find that the scheme is not practicable.

Mr. B. SRINIVASA RAO.—May I know how many acres are expected to be irrigated if the project is carried out?

Mr. R. W. SCALDWELL.—Six hundred and thirty-six acres.

Mr. B. SRINIVASA RAO.—Are the Government aware that 1,000 acres can be irrigated and granting that an assessment of Rs. 8 per acre is levied, the return to Government will be quite adequate?

Mr. PRESIDENT.—Even then, not more than 2 per cent is likely to be realised.

Mr. B. SRINIVASA RAO.—Even if you have a small dam, the return will be considerable. Is it desirable for Government to go back upon their promise in this case?

Mr. PRESIDENT.—The very fact that the raiyats have agreed to a contribution of Rs. 200 shows how keen they are about the project. The Revenue Commissioner and the Chief Engineer will re-examine the matter jointly.

Kare Thorehalla Project.

Q.—22. **Messrs. K. P. CHENNABASAVIAH and T. TARE GOWDA** (Sira Taluk) **and SYED SHEIK MOHADEEN** (Sira Municipality).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) was it not decided and survey made some 10 or 15 years ago to construct a tank across Kare Thorehalla running in the limits of Gowdigere